

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action for the purchase and use of laptop and desktop computers for use within the Burnet County technology and cybersecurity infrastructure.

(a) Authorize the County Purchasing Officer to seek and select a professional IT consultant to review the Burnet County IT infrastructure and make recommendations of minimum standards and specifications for said computers. Payment for said service shall be from fund 100-5040-5750 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

(b) Authorize the County Purchasing Officer to prepare requests for proposals of laptop and desktop computers to be used with the Burnet County technology and cybersecurity infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$129,338 from fund 100-4090-5750 and/ or 100-5040-5750 OR to make said purchase from the Texas Department of Information Resources or similar cooperative purchasing program consistent with Burnet County purchasing policy and State law.

- IT Department Head has provided all the specifications requested by the Purchasing Agent.
- Protecting the County from Cyber attacks is a vitally important function of the IT Department.
- Not To Exceed \$129,338 dollar budget in place.
- Writing the authorization to allow the County Purchasing Officer to hire an IT consultant is a ridiculous idea and a terrible waste of taxpayers \$15,000 dollars
- Burnet County does not need to add additional headcount and grow the size of the county

government while the appointed County Judge talks about reducing the size of government and giving the taxpayers the “biggest bang for their buck “

- The County Purchasing Officer needs to do their job and order what the IT Department Head has proposed.
- Vote NO on (a)